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SUBJECT: GATT COUNCIL CONSIDERATION SOUTH AFRICAN IMPORT

RESTRICTIONS

REF: STATE 211631

UNDER "OTHER BUEINESS"--CHOSEN BY SOUTH AFRICA IN ORDER TO
KEEP ITEM OUT OF MARQUEES--SOUTH AFRICA TOLD SEPTEMBER 17
SESSION OF GATT COUNCIL THAT 20 PERCENT IMPORT DEPOSIT
CITED IN L/4386 HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED AND WAS PART OF A LARGER
MONETARY PROGRAM WHICH INCLUDED DOMESTIC MEASURES AS WELL.
PETROLEUM, GOVERNMENT IMPORTS, AND CAPITAL GOODS, EXEMPT.
SOUTH AFRICA MADE NO MENTION OF GATT EXAMINATION. U.S.
IMMEDIATELY ASKED FOR CUSTOMARY REFERRAL OF MEASURES TO BAL-
ANCE OF PAYMENTS COMMITTEE FOR EXAMINATION. COUNCIL CHAIR-
MAN (MACIEL) THEN GAVELED THE DECISION THROUGH. SOUTH AFRICA
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THEN TOOK FLOOR WITH UNNECESSARILY LONG STATEMENT INDICATING

THEY WOULD COOPERATE WITH BOP COMMITTEE BUT NOTING THAT COUNCIL HAD SENT MANY SUCH SCHEMES TO SPECIAL WORKING PARTIES. SOUTH AFRICA CLAIMED GATT PRACTICE WAS TO REFER ONLY THOSE MEASURES INVOLVING SPECIFIC INVOCATION OF ARTICLE XII OR XVIII TO BOP COMMITTEE. (THIS IS NOT FACTUALLY CORRECT.) SOUTH AFRICA THEN COMMENTED THAT THIS WAS "INVIDIOUS" DISCRIMINATION. CATTO

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